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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/833,914	Applicant(s) SCHRIMPF et al.	
	Examiner Brenda Coleman	Art Unit 1624	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-79 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1-79 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-79 are pending in the application.

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-15 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula II**, classified in class 514, subclasses 210.16, 300 and 414, class 546, subclass 113 and class 548, subclasses 453 and 950.
- II. Claims 1, 2, 16-26 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula III**, classified in class 514, subclasses 300 and 414, class 546, subclass 113 and class 548, subclass 453.
- III. Claims 1, 2, 27-40 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula IV**, classified in class 514, subclasses 300 and 414, class 546, subclass 113 and class 548, subclass 453.
- IV. Claims 1, 2, 41-47 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula V**, classified in class 514, subclass 300 and class 546, subclasses 113 and 122.
- V. Claims 1, 2, 48-54 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula VI**, classified in class 514, subclass 300 and class 546, subclasses 113 and 122.

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- VI. Claims 1, 2, 55-62 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula VII**, classified in class 514, subclass 300 and class 546, subclasses 113 and 122.
- VII. Claims 1, 2, 63-66 and 71-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula VIII**, classified in class 514, subclass 215 and class 540, subclasses 576 and 580.
- VIII. Claims 1, 2 and 67-79, drawn to compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of **formula IX**, classified in class 514, subclass 215 and class 540, subclasses 576 and 580.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Groups I-VIII are directed to structurally dissimilar compounds such that the variable core created by the varying definitions of A and B in formula I do not belong to a recognized class of chemical compounds in the art, and references anticipating one invention, would not render obvious the others, for example octahydro-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-c]pyridine is different from octahydropyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, 3,6-diazabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane, etc. Thus, separate searches in the literature as well as in the U.S. Patent Classification System would be required. Each group's compounds are made and used independently of each other and could support separate patents. The compounds differ significantly in chemical structures. One skilled in the art would not consider such diverse structures as functional equivalents of each other. The mere fact that there is a single similarity is not in itself a significant reason to render the whole embodiment obvious.

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions anticipated by the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Tentative election of a single species within the elected group is further required.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Coleman whose telephone number is (703) 305-1880. The examiner

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can normally be reached on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and on Wednesday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


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